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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 2, 2006.

In the event that there are any additional fees associated with this Amendment, they may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

In response to the above-referenced Office Action, please consider the following Remarks/Arguments. Although no Claim Amendments accompany this submission, a revised Listing of the Claims is included on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this submission.